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President: Mr. Ali ..... (Malaysia)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*) (E/2010/2/Add.1)

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
(E/2010/9/Add.10 and Add.11)

1. **The President** invited the Council to take action on the remaining seats to be filled on the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011. He recalled that the allocation of the third rotating seat had been held in abeyance pending an agreement between the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and Other States, as both groups had the same number of States that had ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. An arrangement had been reached whereby the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States would hold the seat for the four-year term beginning on 1 January 2011, and the Group of Western European and Other States would hold the seat for the four-year term beginning on 1 January 2015.

2. **The President** suggested that the decision to be taken by the Council on the matter should be worded as follows:

> "Notwithstanding the provisions of Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States shall be allocated one of the additional seats for the four-year term beginning 1 January 2011. The Group of Western European and Other States shall be allocated the same seat for the four-year term beginning 1 January 2015. This arrangement will be on an exceptional basis, notwithstanding the increase in the number of ratifications received by any regional group during the eight-year period from 2010 to 2018.
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> "It is also understood that, for the term beginning on 1 January 2019, the provisions of paragraph (b) of Council resolution 1985/17 will be in effect with regard to the allocation of the three additional seats on the Committee."

The decision would be reiterated by the Council at the election to be held in 2014 upon completion of the first four-year term.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. He then drew attention to the list of candidates nominated by States parties to the Covenant contained in document E/2010/9/Add.10 and biographical information contained in document E/2010/9/Add.11.

5. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Mr. Jaime Marchan Romero (Ecuador), Mr. Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil) and Mr. Alvaro Tirado Mejia (Colombia) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Mr. Eibe Riedel (Germany) had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and Other States. The Secretariat had been informed that Portugal had withdrawn its nominee based on an agreement with Germany, whereby Germany would resign its seat at the end of 2012 and Portugal would stand for election to complete Germany's term thereafter.

6. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from both groups was equal to the number of vacancies to be filled by each group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. *Mr. Jaime Marchan Romero (Ecuador), Mr. Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil), Mr. Eibe Riedel (Germany) and Mr. Alvaro Tirado Mejia (Colombia) were elected members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
(E/2010/9/Add.8 and 9 and Add.12)

9. **The President** invited the Council to turn its attention to the eight members to be appointed by the President of the Council to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pursuant to Council resolution 2000/22. Following extensive consultations and a review of the nominations received from indigenous organizations, taking into account the diversity and geographical distribution of the indigenous people of the world, as well as the principles of transparency and equal representation and opportunity, he had decided to appoint the following experts as members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the period 2011-2013: Ms. Mirna Cunningham Kain (Nicaragua); Ms. Dalee Sambo Dorough (United States of America); Mr. Edward John (Canada); Ms. Anna Naikanchina (Russian Federation); Mr. Raja Devashish Roy (Bangladesh); Mr. Paul Kanyinke Sena (Kenya); Mr. Valmaine Toki (New Zealand); and Mr. Saúl Vicente Vázquez (Mexico).

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.